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BIRTHS.

On the 16th January, at No. 5, Wild Dell, the
wife of J. BAUGERDORF, of a son.
On the 5th January, at Singapore, the wife of
Captain W. C. NICHOLSON, 3rd M.L.I., of a
daughter.

DEATH.

On the 11th January, at Shikwan, Nanking,
HARRY EDWIN MEADE, Messrs. Butterfield and
Swire's Agent, aged 27 years.

The Daily Press.

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HONGKONG, 17th January, 1903.

Last week there appeared in our con-
temporary, the *Mercury* of Shanghai, an article
entitled "China deserves no pity." This
was suggested by the statements, telegraphed
via London, of the *New York Post* to the
effect that the United States Secretary of
State was strongly supporting China's
contention that 400,000,000 Haikwan taels
was all she could pay as indemnity to the
Powers without serious financial difficulties,
and that the United States intended to
accept payment on that basis. The
Mercury says that those who read the state-
ment will smile at China's contention and
points to the reports of the Empress
Dowager throwing millions away on theatri-
cal entertainments and unnecessary ex-
tensions of her palaces. The Shanghai paper
continues: "The Powers would be very
foolish were they to follow the lead of the
United States. China has committed
herself in such a brutal way, in butchering
"innocent men, women, children and babes,
"after committing on them unmentionable
"atrocities, that she deserves no pity
"whatever. China is a criminal
"and to treat her as a martyr is only to
"encourage her to repeat the diabolical
"deed she committed in 1900, which many
"of her present high officials joined in and
"are ready and willing to perpetrate again.
"China deserves no pity." We regret to
see a paper of the standing of the *Shanghai
Mercury* take up such a position, which is

contrary alike to humanitarian principles
and to commercial expediency—perhaps, in
the eyes of many, a sufficiently rare com-
bination. In the first place, those who
hold the views of the *Mercury* must lead
their approval to the policy of squeezing
the uttermost farthing possible out of the
Chinese, including the entirely innocent
inhabitants of the Southern provinces, in
order to compensate for the wrongs done
by the "Boxers" and their villainous
friends in the Imperial Court. The offend-
ers of 1900 are scarcely touched by the
levy of the enormous indemnity which
China is called upon to pay as the result of
the events of that year. In no way can it
be contended that the movement of 1900
was a "national" movement. Had Central
and Southern China joined with the North,
the outbreak would have produced far
different effects. Yet we are told to treat
China, the whole of China, as a criminal
and to extort all we can. Secondly,
it is only to be described as surprising
that any British journal appearing in
China should be found to advocate the
policy of insisting on a money indemnity
which threatens to check trade. Granted
that we have concluded an arrangement
with China by which she has bound herself
to pay a certain sum in the space of
forty years. At the same time she has
agreed to remove the principal obstacles
to commerce between herself and foreign
countries. It must be conceded that the
latter is by far the more important part of
the treaty. The fine which China was
forced to consent to is of relatively little
importance to any of the Powers which are
to share it; the promised commercial
facilities are of the utmost importance to
all but a few. To insist, therefore, on the
exact payment of the indemnity, while
allowing the fulfilment of the promises
with regard to trade to be delayed or evaded
is nothing short of suicidal. China indeed
deserves pity. Not only is she cursed with
blind or corrupt rulers, but also the foreign
nations with which she is brought into
contact are, for the most part, apparently
adopting an attitude which threatens to
ruin her without profiting them in the long
run. The struggles of the past half-century
and more in China have not been with a view
that the Powers might scraw what money
they could out of China, but that they
might open China to their trade. Yet they
have been constantly put off with in-
demnities, while trade and intercourse
remain under most disastrous restrictions.
With regard to the present indemnity, it is
easy to say that "China has agreed to it."
Had she any alternative? And have not
circumstances changed since the treaty was
framed, to such an extent as to make the
indemnity far heavier than was even in-
tended, while the state of the currency
threatens to make it gradually heavier still?
It will be seen from REUTER'S telegram of
the 14th instant that Great Britain has
proposed a reduction in the instalments of
the indemnity by the prolongation of the
period of forty years in which the total is
at present payable. This seems a wise
suggestion, if it is coupled with a determina-
tion to enforce the other clauses of the treaty
between China and the Powers; for by these
clauses China, in spite of her rulers, will
have a chance of entering on the road to
prosperity. At the present she is most
heartily to be pitied.

During the day ending at noon yesterday a
Chinese who had died of the plague was found
on the reclamation ground at Mongkok.

The Peking University is in a bad way,
according to the *P. & T. Times*; the Japanese
professors and most of the students are resigning.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial
and Netherlands Hospitals begs to acknowledge
with thanks the following donation to the funds
of the Hospitals:—
Tuikeo Sports... \$44.30

At Trieste the other day Herr Bocca, a
Trieste musician, in the presence of a jury of
musicians and journalists, played on the piano-
forte with two interruptions of ten minutes for
twenty-six hours in succession. All kinds of
pieces were performed. A medical examination
afterwards showed that the pianist's state of
health was quite normal—including, it is to be
presumed, his mental sanity, which is strange.

By kind permission of Lieutenant-Colonel
Birdwood and Officers, the band of the 10th
Bombay Infantry will play at the Hongkong
Hotel to-night from 8 to 9.30. Programme:—
March "Heroique," Schubert
Quadrille "The Wedding," Strauss
Valse "Mine Schouster Tag In Berlin," Gungl
Selection "La Pour Le Czar," Gungl
Valse "The Wings of Love," Koute
Galep "God Save the King," Meyer

"In consequence of S. Peter's Church being
in the hands of the contractor for painting
and repairs the Church will not be open for
public worship to-morrow (Sunday). The
services will be held in the Sailors' Institute,
Kowloon, instead, at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. The
Mission launch *Dayspring* will visit the ships
between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m. and between 5.15
and 6 p.m. calling at the China Merchants'
Wharf at 10.30 and 6 to convey friends to the
services.

The Singapore Municipal Commission is
likely to have before it soon a scheme providing
that the Commissioners shall be given the
discretion of determining not only the manner
in which buildings may be erected in Singapore,
but also the nature of building to be so erected.
There seems to be at Singapore as well as at
Hongkong a constant encroachment of Asiatics
on the European residential districts.

The *Piemonte*, the new Italian warship on the
China station, left Venice on the 23rd ult.,
under the command of Capt. Gaspari, and
reached Singapore on the 6th inst. She is a
third-class cruiser of 2,500 tons displacement,
12,000 h.p., and 32 guns. The *Piemonte* was
built at Elswick in 1888 at a cost of £220,000
and is a speedy craft, her engines driving her
at the rate of 21 knots an hour. Her nominal
coal supply is 560 tons and she carried a
complement of 325 officers and men.

An Adelaide telegram of the 26th ult. says:—
"Reginald Rankin has ascended Aconcagua
alone and spent a night at the summit, with
the result that his hands and feet have been
frozen bitter." Mr. Reginald Rankin, J.P.,
D.L., M.A., as his name appears in *Who's Who*,
is the eldest son of Sir James Rankin, M.P.,
and an Eton and Corpus, Oxford, man. He
served as Lieutenant in Rivington's Scouts
and is known as a big game hunter, this being
one of his many pursuits such as essay
and verse-writing, foxhunting, and gardening.
Aconcagua is a volcano in the Argentine
Republic, 22,860 feet high, and has already
been ascended twice to its summit, if we are
not mistaken. But Mr. Rankin is the first to
pass a night there.

Conventions have been proposed from
Washington, says a *Shanghai Times* London
telegram of the 8th inst., whereby Great
Britain, France, Germany and the United
States shall enter into special arrangement
amending the postal union regulations by a
reduction of mailing charges on business
passing between these countries. The propo-
sition originates at the Post Office Depart-
ment at Washington, and has been forwarded
by the State Department with the endorsement
that in view of the increasing commercial and
other correspondence between these countries,
the subject of reduced postage may profitably be
considered. The Department thinks a reduction
would furnish incentive to larger business.

Writing under date Batambong, 10th
December, the *Siam Observer's* special corre-
spondent says:—Work on the new barracks and
stables which were in course of erection was
suddenly stopped, I hear, about two months ago.
That these and the hospital at Batambong
should not be proceeded with is rather a good
sign. Early on the morning of the 22nd [?]
inst. five mules were sent across the river from
Chantaboon into the country in charge of three
Annamite soldiers. Three of the mules carried
long ammunition boxes on each side. Later on
a mounted party of twelve European soldiers
and eight Annamite soldiers followed. They
were absent the whole day, returning in the
evening looking very fatigued. They must have
been a considerable distance. The gunboat
Comete is lying at the mouth of the river.

In the matter of decorations Sir William
Willcocks, after his reward in connection with
the Nile dam, has now drawn level with his
young fighting brother, who was advanced to
the K.C.M.G. suddenly when he bore his way
into Kanassi two years ago. Sir William has
done well as a "dam" engineer, but his strong
point is irrigation, a subject upon which he is
now one of the soundest living authorities. He
always displayed a natural bent for this branch
of his profession, and he has made a monument
for himself by his work in Egypt. Sir William
is the author of *Egyptian Irrigation* and not
long ago he was sent on a special mission to
the Orange River to report on the possibilities
of a comprehensive scheme of irrigation for
that region. Sir William is five years older
than Sir James Willcocks, but he does not
look it, possibly (a home paper suggests) because
he has always been dealing with water, while
the brother has had to do with fire!

Writing on the subject of "Why China is
Poor" in the *Pall Mall Gazette* last month,
Mr. Wm. Durbant said:—One of the causes
of chronic and massive indigence in China,
throughout most of the interior, is the utter
stagnation for ages of civilisation. The de-
velopment of this mighty race was long since
arrested, and, though the nation is not deced-
ent, its conditions are stereotyped, and China
is in a state of permanent childhood. Every
linguist well understands that this accounts
for that colossal philological "entirety," the
Chinese language. It has never got beyond the
monosyllabic stage, and is a more language of
overgrown babies. This condition of arrested
development lies at the root of the appalling
poverty of the masses in a country which
nature designed to be incalculably wealthy.
China is not, like Central Asia, a land of
savage howling wastes. It is one of the most
fertile and flowery parts of the earth's surface
almost throughout the entire area. And,
moreover, its people are the most industrious
agriculturalists in the world, and have been so
for many centuries.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The second race for the Commodore's Cup
will be sailed to-day. Course and conditions as
for the first race.

The 7th Club race will be sailed to-morrow,
Sunday, over Course 24.

The 8th Club race which was fixed for the 1st
February is postponed to the 5th on account of
the Chinese New Year holidays.

The officers of the Royal Engineers have kind-
ly offered a Cup to the Club to be sailed for.
The race will probably take place on the 22nd
February. The course and conditions will be
published later.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, 15th January, 9.20 p.m.

RUSSIA AND THE MANCHURIAN
CUSTOMS.

A Laffan's telegram says that, notwith-
standing China's refusal to give her
authority, Russia is constituting a Customs
office at Dalny, with the intention of
establishing similar stations throughout the
railway district of Manchuria. The refusal,
however, of assistance from Sir Robert
Hart and the Chinese Imperial Customs is
likely to handicap the scheme.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 14th January.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Mr. Chamberlain and the leaders of the
mining community have agreed to a war
contribution of £30,000,000, and furthermore
that the mining industry will give a guarantee
for the loan of £30,000,000 for reproductive
works in the Transvaal and Orange River
Colonies.

THE UNITED STATES AND THE
CHINESE INDEMNITY.

China has suggested to Washington that if
the Powers insist on a gold indemnity she
should be allowed to collect her customs dues
in gold. The United States reply that, China
having agreed to a silver indemnity, she is
unable to give her assent. Great Britain has
proposed a reduction in the instalments by the
prolongation of the period of forty years in
which the total is at present payable.

LONDON, 14th January.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.

Mr. Chamberlain yesterday visited the mines
and conferred with the mining representatives
of Johannesburg. Speaking on the labour
question he dwelt on the difficulties and disad-
vantages of importing labour from North of
the Zambezi, India, or China.

COAL FAMINE IN THE UNITED
STATES.

A coal famine in the United States is caus-
ing severe distress. Several towns in Illinois
have forcibly seized car-loads of coal passing
through and numerous deaths from freezing
are reported.

RUSSIA ON THE AMUR.

A Russian flotilla of 25 vessels has been
formed to protect the navigation of the Amur
and the Ussuri against Chinese pirates, to watch
the Manchurian bank, and effect a speedy
mobilisation in the event of war.

CRICKET.

In the match to-day, commencing at 11.30
a.m., between H.K.C.C. "A" team and
Craigengower C.C., the following will be the
teams:—

H.K.C.C. "A" team:—R. E. O. Bird,
Lt. Dalrymple, R.N., J. T. Dixon, Lt.
Gouldsmid, R.N., T. C. Gray, P. T. Lambie,
A. Mackenzie, Lt. Raymond, R.N., Lt.
Rimington, S.F., W. C. D. Turner and H.
Warren.

Craigengower C.C.:—M. E. Asger, L. E.
Lammert, A. C. Brown, R. Bana, E. C.
Witchell, J. Stuart, R. Pestonji, E. R. Herton,
M. H. Hartman, L. A. Rose, and E. Ford.

FOOTBALL.

This afternoon on the Happy Valley the
Hongkong Football Club will play a scratch team
under Rugby rules. Kick-off at four o'clock. The
Club will play in striped jerseys. The follow-
ing will play for the Club:—

Knox, full back; Barnes, Peares, Graham,
and Robertson, three-quarters; Paddy, and
Jordan, halves; Hallifax, Goldring, Wolfe,
Cooper, Chard, Boyd, Jameson, and Clark,
forwards.

The following will play for the V.R.C.F.C.
at 4 p.m. to-day at Causeway Bay. "G" Co.,
Sherwood Foresters:—

Hance, Herton, Crank, Ferguson, Henderson,
Wetherpoon, Stah, J. Witchell, Humphreys,
Holmes, and Syer.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the
opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

A CORRECTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS,"
9, Robinson Road,
Hongkong, 15th January.

SIR.—In your paper of 14th January,
on page 3, appears an article entitled, "A
Chinese Pacific Line," which asserts that I am
connected with the proposed steamship line
referred to in that article. I desire to state
that I am in no way connected with that
steamship line, nor have I ever been so con-
nected. My presence in Hongkong is in
connection with the affairs of the Chinese
American Commercial Co., of San Francisco,
Cal., of which Company I am Vice-President
and General Manager for the Orient. I would
further state that the Chinese American
Commercial Co. is not in any way connected with
the matter of said steamship line. I trust,
Sir, that you will give due publicity to this
note, and thus remove an erroneous impression
from the minds of the many readers of your
excellent publication.—Yours, &c.,
HO YOW.

MACAO.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Macao, 14th January.

WARSHIPS IN THE HARBOUR.

Macao has been much better patronised in
the matter of warships during the last few
months than was the case a year or two ago, and
it is now the exception and not the rule to see
a week pass without the arrival of one or more
gunboats. The French gunboat *Argus* (Captain
Crespin) arrived last week and left two or three
days ago, while the *Moorhea* (Capt. Webster)
arrived on Friday last and is still lying at her
anchorage near the *Dia*. The *Dia* herself is
still with us, and it is to be hoped, will remain
at her post for many a month to come.

SOCIAL LIFE IN MACAO.

The centre of attraction in this winter season
is Government House, where the Wednesday
afternoon and Thursday evening "At Homes"
have attracted a large number of guests. In
spite of the inclemency of the weather the
officers of the *Dia* still continue their Saturday
afternoon garden parties in the Flora, which
are always much appreciated.

AMUSEMENTS.

The "Great Zamboni" visited Macao on
Saturday and Sunday last and gave per-
formances in the C. A. B. and theatre before a
good house; his efforts as a ventriloquist and
magician extraordinary were warmly appreciated
and applauded by an enthusiastic audience.

The band, which originally played on Thurs-
day and Sunday evenings, is now playing in
the Praya Gardens on Sunday afternoons, and
the change of hour, considering the wintry
weather, is most desirable.

In spite, however, of the attractions of Zamboni
and the band, we feel that there is something
badly wanting in the dramatic and musical
line, and considering the great success which
attended Mrs. Morehouse's concert of a few
weeks ago, we cannot help expressing the hope
that we may have the privilege and pleasure of
hearing a similar entertainment in the not very
distant future.

VISITORS.

The continuous rains and Arctic temperatures
have had a somewhat deterrent effect upon
visitors, and recently the hotels have not
suffered from overcrowding. In spite of its
many natural attractions, Macao is no longer
in bad weather than any other seaside resort, and
residents, visitors, and hotel-proprietors alike
long for a recurrence of the glorious weather
and sunny skies which marked the whole of last
winter.

SWATOW.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Swatow, 13th January.

THE LOCAL LEKIN QUESTION.

General Wong, who undertook last year to
collect *lekin* locally, has not succeeded in the
scheme he had in view. Previously to his
coming here, the native merchants, to avoid
being burdened with any excessive *lekin* tax,
the levy of which would entail so much red-
tape and "squeeze," decided to remit through
the representative guild, a sum of \$50,000 as
an annual contribution to the *lekin* for the
provincial Government at Canton. General
Wong, however, thought that a greater amount,
than \$50,000 could be collected here, and
accordingly made proposals to the Canton
authorities to double the contribution of
the local native merchants. Finding all
opposition useless, the latter body acquiesced
in the heavy exaction demanded of them.
Not yet satisfied, Wong intends now to raise
the *lekin* to \$150,000 after the end of the
current Chinese year. That part, if not a great
deal, of the moneys collected finds its way
into Wong's pockets is not to be gainsaid by
anyone who knows his methods of business.
His plans of suddenly increasing the *lekin*
exorbitantly have met with strong opposition
from the leading native merchants, who have
appealed for assistance to the Tsotai. The
latter, having regard to the flourishing trade
of this port and the injury that would be dealt
to it by excessive taxation, has sent a strongly
worded despatch to the Viceroy of the Province.
He advised the latter to have nothing to do
with the General in the collection of *lekin*, but
to leave it to the Chinese merchants themselves,
who will honestly carry out their promise and
forward the money, through their guild, to
Canton. The Viceroy's answer is now anxiously
awaited.

THE TAOTAI'S RETIREMENT.

Owing to having to go into mourning for his
mother, who died recently, the local Taotai will
be long retired. The Taotai in his short tenure
of office has made himself very popular with
natives and foreigners alike. He is a pro-
gressive and enlightened official. The Chinese
merchants are very sorry to lose him, and regret
his unavoidable departure.

STEAMER SINKS A JUNK.

The police report that about eight o'clock on
the 14th inst. the steamer *Hansa* on her way
to Canton, collided near the Capsicum Pass
with a cargo-laden trading junk, which she
cut into and sank. On board the junk were
twenty Chinese, and all of these were pre-
cipitated into the water. The steamer was
stopped as quickly as possible and boats were
lowered which picked up the struggling people,
none of whom was lost. The *Hansa* then
steamed back to the harbour and landed the
rescued Chinese. The junk and cargo were
valued at \$5,000.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The O.S.B. steamer *Antenor* left Shanghai
yesterday a.m. for this port via Foochow, and is
due here on the 19th inst.

The P. & A. steamer *Indrapurva* left Portland
(Or.) for this port via Japan, on the 14th inst.,
p.m., and may be expected here on the 14th prox.

The N.P. steamer *Tacona* arrived at Victoria
on the 14th inst.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Darm-
stadt*, which left here on the 12th inst., p.m.,
arrived at Shanghai on the 15th inst., p.m.

SPORTING NOTES.

"The races will be over one month hence, and
those who have followed the horses in their
work should have been able to decide by now
which is their particular fancy. The Derby
is the race most discussed, and I see from the
entries that 16 horses have inspired sufficient
confidence in their owners to warrant them in
accepting their nominations. "The more the
morrier" is certainly an axiom that should
apply to horse-racing, and I hope that all of
the acceptors may start. In the event of their
doing so, however, I should expect to find a
considerable distance separating the hind and
the foremost before half of the journey has
been traversed. On the other hand, the race
can by no means be called a one-horse race, and
there are several candidates well in it. Col.
Hughes's *Brilliant* is still favourite, and I am
inclined to think he will remain so. The way
that he covered a mile and a quarter in 2 minutes
and 36 seconds on not particularly good going
some two weeks back was enough to warrant his
position in the market, and he seems to be a heavy
horse to ride, which must be an advantage to
any jockey in a long distance race. Mr. Morgan
Phillips's mare *Legacy* has not gone back in
public opinion, and I think that her methods of
going have slightly improved. I should like
to see her extended. Those who have to
do with her, however, seem to insist
that my whim shall not be satisfied;
they may be right. Captain Langlands's
brown mare *Lady Lena* is a sharp-looking
animal and seems to think nothing of cantering
her mile in 2 minutes—without any seconds
added on. I may be wrong but she is "my
fancy." Then there are the two Bank
ponies, one belonging to Mr. Smith and the
other to Mr. Hunter, and two nice-looking
ponies they are too; but they are "ponies" and
not "horses," and there's the rub—I wonder if
the respective owners have thought about the
weight-for-inches question. However, if their
owners are well advised, they will both have a try
and should be quite close at the finish. Mr.
Shewan's roan mare has improved lately,
and is quite a showy animal. General
Gascoigne's black mare is one that has improved
a great deal lately. She was very thin for
some time and looked as if she might snap in
two, but all this has altered in the past few
weeks and she still looks like coming on.
Personally I am far more interested in the old
pony races than in the griffin races, and I think
that the times in those races will be better
and the racing more interesting. Some
people say horses won't do here and the
climate does not suit them. All I can say
to such pessimists is: Go and have a look at
some of the animals that have been here for
one, two, and three years, those that have
had fair play and have been taken care of.
Look at some of Mr. Master's horses; they
don't appear to have a tremendous lot
the matter with them. Mr. Master has his
own stable and his own groom; why doesn't
someone else get his own stable and his
own groom? I think Mr. Master has
proved conclusively that horses will "do"
here and, what is more, do well. Mr. Reunis
also has his own stable, and though he
has had bad luck by his Derby candidate
going wrong he has a couple of ponies in his
stable in very good condition indeed. More-
over, there are a number of horses at Kennedy's
stables that under the present régime are
in excellent condition. *Glory* is an animal
that has improved out of all knowledge
in the last 12 months and might surprise us all.
What we want to see is good even racing here
in Hongkong, and as one who has watched it for
several years in succession I am inclined to think
the gods that have been sent to work in
a more workmanlike style to attain that object
than has ever been done before. May they
continue and succeed in their efforts!

RAILS.

The present cold dry weather is a relief after
the recent wet weather which rendered all
sports, if not impossible, at least unwatchable.
The cricket and football last Saturday were
distinctly dull, the yachting on Sunday was a
fiasco, and the Golf Club's quarterly meeting
was not a pronounced success. To-day should
see some better sport. The programme includes
a cricket match between the H.K.C.C. "A"
team and the strong junior club, a Rugby
football game, an Association contest, the second
race for the Commodore's Cup, and a polo
match between Hongkong and Kowloon, not to
mention any minor events.

Hockey continues in full swing, and probably
the Club will have three Shield fixtures next
week. The "A" team (which has at least the
makings of a good side and has gained several
promising recruits) meets H.M.S. *Ocean* on
Monday. The First XI may play the *Albion* on
Tuesday and the 10th Bombay Infantry, but
neither date is definitely fixed yet. The match
last Monday between the Club "A" team and
H.M.S. *Albion* was played under most unpleasant
conditions. The naval men won comfortably—
if such is the right term—but the scores should
have been closer.

The rather poor team that did duty for the
H.K.C.C. against the Navy last Saturday
deserved to lose, but thanks no little to Ward
and Fawcett managed to play out time and have
two wickets to fall when stumps were drawn.
It must be rather disheartening for the
organisers of the matches to find each difficulty
in getting a good team together. The "young
men" seem to be trying to prove that they
deserve the charge of spud brought against
them some time ago. To-day the game on
the cricket ground is an "A" team one, the

shield competition approaches, and as the R.E. and A.O.D. played an obstinate draw on Thursday, five games still remain to be decided—"B" Company, S.F.; "E" Company, S.F.; "H" Co., S.F.; "G" Co., S.F.; "I" Co., S.F.; "J" Co., S.F.; "K" Co., S.F.; "L" Co., S.F.; "M" Co., S.F.; "N" Co., S.F.; "O" Co., S.F.; "P" Co., S.F.; "Q" Co., S.F.; "R" Co., S.F.; "S" Co., S.F.; "T" Co., S.F.; "U" Co., S.F.; "V" Co., S.F.; "W" Co., S.F.; "X" Co., S.F.; "Y" Co., S.F.; "Z" Co., S.F.; "AA" Co., S.F.; "AB" Co., S.F.; "AC" Co., S.F.; "AD" Co., S.F.; "AE" Co., S.F.; "AF" Co., S.F.; "AG" Co., S.F.; "AH" Co., S.F.; "AI" Co., S.F.; "AJ" Co., S.F.; "AK" Co., S.F.; "AL" Co., S.F.; "AM" Co., S.F.; "AN" Co., S.F.; "AO" Co., S.F.; "AP" Co., S.F.; "AQ" Co., S.F.; "AR" Co., S.F.; "AS" Co., S.F.; "AT" Co., S.F.; "AU" Co., S.F.; "AV" Co., S.F.; "AW" Co., S.F.; "AX" Co., S.F.; "AY" Co., S.F.; "AZ" Co., S.F.; "BA" Co., S.F.; "BB" Co., S.F.; "BC" Co., S.F.; "BD" Co., S.F.; "BE" Co., S.F.; "BF" Co., S.F.; "BG" Co., S.F.; 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"ZO" Co., S.F.; "ZP" Co., S.F.; "ZQ" Co., S.F.; "ZR" Co., S.F.; "ZS" Co., S.F.; "ZT" Co., S.F.; "ZU" Co., S.F.; "ZV" Co., S.F.; "ZW" Co., S.F.; "ZX" Co., S.F.; "ZY" Co., S.F.; "ZZ" Co., S.F.

The game on the polo-ground to-day should be an interesting one, though I have not seen the names of the players who are to represent Hongkong and Kowloon. The 14th Bombay Infantry's band will be in attendance, and only a little gentility in the weather is required.

The announcement that a team of Fijian cricketers will visit England next summer is interesting. It is now over thirty years since the Australian Aboriginal Eleven came over, but many of their deeds are still remembered, notably Mullaugh's slogging exhibition at Bramall Lane, Sheffield. A few years ago a team of Fijians was taken down to New Zealand by Mr. J. S. Udall, who was then Attorney-General at Suva, and these did very well. Physically the Fijians are a fine people, and a native who happens to be under six feet in height is regarded as a dwarf. Another favourable fact is that many of the young chiefs have of late years been educated in the big schools in Australia and New Zealand, and have in all cases taken keenly to the British national game.

The Viceroy's Cup at Calcutta on the 54th ult. of which full details have reached Hongkong by the mails was a great upset for the backers. *Vania* the winner started at 4 to 1, but the wise few were on before. The owner, Mr. Galstaun, who is an Armenian, is credited with having made a nice little sum over the race. *Vania* won by two lengths, the same distance separating *Cretone* and *Actine*.

OMPAX.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, 16th January.—Enquiry has fallen off somewhat during the week under review, and the transactions booked have not been very numerous. Rates generally, however, continue fairly steady, with an improving tendency in some directions.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai have been booked at the advanced rate of 86 1/2, and continue in request. London is unchanged at 84. National is wanted at 82 1/2.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Union have sold at 84 1/2, and a few more shares are probably obtainable at the rate. China Traders continue on offer at 85, and Canton at 81 1/2. North China are wanted at 81 1/2.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkong have changed ownership at the reduced rate of 83 1/2. China have sold at 85 and 85 1/2, and are in further request at the higher rate.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao are slightly easier with sales and sellers at 83 1/2. Indo-China have improved to 85 1/2 buyers. China Mailers sold at 82 and 82 1/2, and are on offer at the lower quotation. Donglases after sales at 84 are on the market at 84 1/2. Star Ferries (old) have sold and are in further request at 84 1/2, the new issue is obtainable at 85. Shell Transports have been booked at 81 1/2, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, and are still enquired for.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have been booked at 89 and 89 1/2 cash and equivalent rates forward, and a further cash demand exists. Luzons are on offer at 8 1/2.

MINE.—Pangloss old and are in request at 82. Pangloss new are at 81.

DOCKS.—Waters & Godwins—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have sold in small lots at 82 1/2 and 82 1/2, and more shares are obtainable at the lower rate. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves have been booked at 81 and 81 1/2, and close steadily at the latter rate. New Amoy Docks are quiet at 81.

LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands are unchanged with sales and further buyers at 81 1/2. Kowloon Lands continue in request at 83 1/2. West Point can be obtained at 85. Humphreys Estates have been booked at 82 1/2 and 82 1/2, and continue in demand at 82 1/2. Hongkong Hotels are somewhat better with sales at 81 1/2. Oriente Hotels can be procured at 81 1/2.

COTTON MILLS.—We have heard of no business under this head, and quotations are unchanged.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Manila Investments are wanted at 81 1/2. Green Island Cements are offering at 82 1/2 after sales at this rate and 82 1/2. A. S. Watsons have sold at 81 1/2. Electricies are steady at 81 1/2 (old) and 86 1/2 (new). Dairy Farms are in some request at 81 1/2. China Providents have declined to 82, sales and further sellers. Universals can be procured at 82 1/2.

M. A. S. C.—China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd. ordinary yearly meeting to-morrow, the 17th instant. West Point Building Co., Ltd. Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd. and Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd. ordinary yearly meetings on the 26th instant.

CHURCH SERVICES.

S. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

18th January, 2nd Sunday after Epiphany.

Matins (11 a.m.).

Responses, Tally: Psalms, Trinit: Psalms, Baraby, Felton and Benfield, To Deum, Dykes in F. Benedictus, Hopkins in G (1st M.); Hymns, 273 and 337; Kyrie, Gadshy in G; Offertory Hymn, 330.

Evening (5.45 p.m.).

Responses, Tally: Psalms, Stainer and Trinit: Magnificat, Turle in F (8th M.); Nuno Dimitis, Monk in A minor; Hymns, 169, 78, and 31; Vesper Hymn, Stainer.

GOSPEL HALL.

6, Arsenal Street, Top Floor, off Queen's Road

Meetings are held as follows:—Sunday—

Acts 2, 11 a.m.; Gospel Address, 6 p.m.

Tuesday—Soldiers' and Sailors' Bible Class

6 p.m.

Thursday—General Bible Class, 6 p.m.

Saturday—Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.

POLICE COURT.

Friday, 16th January.

BEFORE MR. J. H. KEMP (ACTING
POLICE MAGISTRATE).

THE BURGLARY AT THE DOGSAN GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Wong Hung, Chan Him Yau, and Kua Yu pleaded not guilty on remand to burglary and assault with intent to rob at the Dogsan Girls' School, Bonham Road, on the 2nd inst. Miss Skipton, superintendent of the school, was called and narrated the circumstances of the affair as far as she knew them. She said that on the morning of the 2nd she was awakened by feeling someone's hands on her throat. She screamed for assistance, and the grasp on her throat tightened, preventing her from calling out. There was no light in the room, and she could not see who was holding her. Presently she heard Miss Hawker's voice, sounding unnatural, as though she too was being held. Witness lay still, and the man holding her throat left. Soon all the children got up, and some of them ran for help. Witness rose also, and saw Miss Hawker standing on the verandah. There was a man on the balcony outside the verandah, and witness tried to push him back, but he climbed across by the ledge into the next house. Witness then returned to Miss Hawker, and saw that the lower part of her face was covered with blood. All this had taken place upstairs; downstairs a window leading out to the verandah was open, and one of the panes broken. Witness could not identify either the man who held her by the throat or the man on the verandah, but the second defendant she recognised as the cook's assistant at the school a year ago. The same morning at 9.30 she went with Miss Hawker to the Government Civil Hospital, where the latter was examined by Dr. Atkinson.

Miss Hawker deposed that on the morning of the 2nd, between two and three o'clock, she was awakened by the reflection cast by a light shining through the partition between her room and the next one. Thinking it was Miss Skipton engaged with one of the children, she called out, "Is anything the matter?" The light was at once turned out, and there was perfect silence. Then came a scream from Miss Skipton, and witness jumped up and went through the window of the verandah to the next window, leading into Miss Skipton's room. It was no absolutely dark and so quiet there that witness could neither see nor hear anything, and thought Miss Skipton had screamed in her sleep. She returned to her room, and heard Miss Skipton give a second scream. Miss Hawker immediately went back, and just outside Miss Skipton's window met a man. She put out her hand and touched him, saying, "What are you doing?" Immediately she felt herself seized and thrown on her back on the verandah. Her assailant put his hands on her throat and attempted to prevent her from screaming, and was throttling her. She heard two men speaking in what presumably was Chinese, a language witness did not understand. Miss Hawker supposed she must have lost consciousness, for when she found that she could breathe again she realised that the men had gone, although she could not remember their going. Her mouth and nose were bleeding and her throat was in great pain. Some of the children were in the verandah and some were down in the street calling for the police. Mr. Gale came in from next door, and shortly afterwards the police brought in one Chinaman, whom they had caught. From his possession witness saw taken a bunch of tape which corresponded with two pieces she pointed out later to a constable on the verandah.

Miss Anna Moore, a pupil at the school, told how she was awakened by screams, and on going out saw a man, crouched on hands and feet, creeping from the door of Miss Hawker's room to that of Miss Skipton's. She punched him on the back and kicked him, then tried to catch him for the purpose of holding him. She could not find it, but her search brought her so very close to the man that in the darkness she could see he was wearing a cap and thick coat. He did not move, but as soon as Miss Moore caught punching him he ran out. Most of the children were down in the street, and witness and two others were the only pupils upstairs. Some time after a prisoner was brought in by the police, and witness recognised him by his clothes as the man she encountered on the verandah. He was the first defendant, whom next day at the Central Police Station, she picked out from amongst a number of others.

A Jukong described the arrest of the first defendant, and said that in his possession he found two candles and a bunch of tape similar to the two pieces pointed out to him on the verandah by Miss Hawker.

An Indian constable followed with evidence as to the arrest of the third defendant, after which the case was adjourned.

FRACTURING A CHILD'S ARM.
Annoyed at dropping into the water a bag of rice which he was carrying on his shoulders from a junk to a godown, and angered by the innocent amusement of some native children, who looked to the water-front to watch developments, a coolie caught one of them by the arm and swung him away so violently as to fracture the member. He was arrested, pleaded guilty to the charge, and was fined \$25, which was paid for him by a friend.

PHILIPPINE MATTERS.

The following New York telegrams are from the *Manila Cable News*—The House of Representatives has passed the Philippine Constabulary Bill without any change from the bill as reported by the committee. This bill was introduced in the House, and consequently still lacks the approval of the Senate. It provides for the temporary rank of brigadier-general for the Chief of Constabulary and the rank of colonel for his assistants. Another provision is that the Philippine Scouts, now a part of the military establishment, shall be annexed to the coast guard.

The Senate committee on Philippine affairs has reported favourably upon a bill to appropriate two and one-half million dollars for the agricultural depression in the Philippines. There was a division as to the amount which should be appropriated; two members contending for the amount recommended by the President. The bill will be rushed through the calendar and has a good prospect of passage.

General Chaffee, in an interview, states that there was nothing in any order issued by him which could possibly be construed as justifying a use of the "water cure." Efforts to get him to talk more extensively failed entirely. The reports received from Manila concerning recent occurrences in the Glenn court-martial have caused great discussion throughout the country, and especially in military circles. Secretary Root's decision to refuse the presence of Generals Chaffee and Smith and others at Manila is exceedingly unpopular. Public sentiment is now more with the Army than at any time since the close of hostilities.

THE CURRENCY QUESTION.

(Continued.)

TO SUM UP.

As the existence of the Colony depends on its trade, anything which conduces to render the most important branch of that trade sound and healthy, and, a priori, profitable, is good for the Colony.

To sum up—

- (1) A fixed and stable currency is good for trade, and therefore for the Colony and the F.M.S.
- (2) Capital will be attracted to the Colony and the F.M.S. provided the currency is placed on a stable basis.
- (3) The damage to the export trade, if the currency is fixed, will be nil, or so little as to be negligible in comparison with the benefits which will result.
- (4) The establishment of charges of the Government, and to a less extent of the Municipalities, are now paid in gold: it is irrational to collect revenue in silver to meet expenditure in gold. An unknown liability is incurred.
- (5) A fixed currency will put the import trade on a sound basis.
- (6) A fixed currency will enable the Government, the Municipalities, and the great trading companies to borrow at considerably lower rates of interest than at present, and will therefore accelerate their development, and that of their trade.

HOW TO SECURE FIXITY.

We now turn to the second part of the question—"Is it possible to establish a gold standard, or fixity of exchange, at a cost which is not prohibitive, and if so, what form should the currency take?"

There are several methods by which fixity, or approximate fixity, of exchange could be secured:—

- (1) Stop the free coinage of British dollars, and demote the Mexican dollar, establish a gold reserve, and, in the same way as India has done with the rupee, force the value of the dollar up to 2/ or any other value which might appear convenient.
- (2) Throw overboard all dollars and adopt the Indian rupee.
- (3) Throw overboard all dollars, and adopt the British Sovereign, with a decimal subsidiary (token) coinage.

No (1) is practically out of court, as it would entail either the co-operation of Hongkong, which is almost certainly unobtainable, or the minting of a new Straits dollar, of the same weight and fineness as the British dollar. The alternative would be dangerous, because, if the silver value of the new dollar even went higher than its nominal value every dollar would be swept out of the country.

No (2) has not been found to answer in Ceylon owing to the restriction of the Indian currency, and for the same reason would be very undesirable here, where the demand for currency is continually on the increase.

DECIMAL COINAGE, BASED ON THE SOVEREIGN.

There remains No. 3, in favour of which stand, to begin with, the arguments that a decimal coinage based on the Sovereign will, sooner or later, almost certainly replace the present British coinage, and that this method is equally practicable whatever rate of exchange may be fixed on for conversion.

Such a currency would fit the requirements of the Colony and F.M.S. admirably, entailing as it does practically no difference in system from the existing currency.

Taking the dollar at 1/8 the comparison between the suggested currency and that now existing would be as follows:—

21 = 10 Florins = \$12
1 = 1 " = 120
01 = 1 " = 12
001 = 1 " = 12

Subsidiary multiples of the direct decimals, on the same system as at present, could be coined as found convenient.

The Florin (2/ or £1) would naturally take the place of the dollar, in fact the token coinage, for all practical purposes, would exactly fill the place of the existing currency with the minimum amount of disturbance. Prices would readily adjust themselves, and all the conveniences of a 2/- dollar would be obtained without saddling the Government with an enormous loss, without running the risk attendant on fixing artificially the value of a silver coin and without necessitating a permanent restriction of currency.

HOW TO BRING IT ABOUT.

Assuming that such a form of currency, simple and easily understood by the native, there being no change in the system from that existing, is adopted, we have now to consider how the change can be brought about with the minimum of loss both to the Government and to individuals.

The cost of effecting the change depends on the number of dollars which the Government would have to take up on conversion. It is almost impossible to estimate what this would amount to because (1) the number of dollars in circulation cannot be ascertained with any approach

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS WANTED.

SITUATION as SALESMAN or CLERK by a Competent Young Man speaking English, French, and a little Spanish.

Address—Care of Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 17th January, 1903. [235]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE COMPETITION TODAY (SATURDAY), the 17th inst., will be for SPONSORS, commencing at 2.30 P.M. Ranges 200, 300 and 600 yards. Seven Shots and a Sighter at each Range.

M. S. NORTHCOTE, Hon. Secretary, Hongkong, 17th January, 1903. [110]

HONGKONG DIOCESAN CHORAL FESTIVAL.

THE SECOND ANNUAL DIOCESAN CHORAL FESTIVAL to be given by the Choirs of St. John's Cathedral and St. Peter's Church, will be held on TUESDAY, 20th inst., at 5 P.M., in St. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

The Festival Music will consist of Mendelssohn's "LAUDA SION" and "HEAR MY PRAYER," and Sullivan's Evening Hymn "O GLAD SOME LIGHT" from "THE GOLDEN LEGEND."

SOPIANO SOLOIST: MRS. J. MUDIE.
ORGANIST: MR. G. GRIMBLE.
CONDUCTOR: MR. A. G. WARD.

ADMISSION FREE. The Offertory will be for the Choir Fund.

ALFRED CUNNINGHAM, Hon. Secretary, Hongkong, 17th January, 1903. [283]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTY-THIRD ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 7th FEBRUARY, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, desiring a Dividend, confirming the appointment of a Director, and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on the 24th of JANUARY to the 7th FEBRUARY, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, T. ARNOLD, Secretary, Hongkong, 17th January, 1903. [281]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES in Bank Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 7th FEBRUARY, 1903, at 12.15 o'clock P.M., or so soon as the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting to be held at 12 o'clock NOON on that day shall be concluded, when the subject of Resolution will be proposed. Should the Resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION.

That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following—

(a) In Article (79) the word "nine" shall be substituted for the word "seven."

(b) In Article (85) the words "nine thousand" shall be substituted for the words "seven thousand."

By Order of the Board of Directors, T. ARNOLD, Secretary, Hongkong, 17th January, 1903. [282]

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS is now ready, and contains—

Leading Articles—

The Currency Question.

The Threat from Tung Fung-hsing, Russia, and Corea.

The Workshop of Confucius.

Building Collapses in Hongkong.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

The Navy League Annual Meeting.

Jocosen Boys' School and Orphanage.

Launch of the Kinsan.

Evacuation of Shanghai Completed.

Disturbance in West Chekiang.

The Situation in Korea.

Closing the Siam Mints.

The Philippines Tariff and Currency.

The Political Situation in Japan.

Indian Notes.

Christmas at Balik Papan.

Cricket.

Presentation of Medals at Weihaiwei.

Correspondence.

China Borneo Co. Ltd.

China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co. Ltd.

National Bank of China, Ltd.

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Hongkong, 17th January, 1903.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

TO LET.

No. 73, WYNDHAM STREET.

S. A. SETH, Dairy Farm Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 10th January, 1903. [284]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY, the 21st JANUARY, at 4.30 P.M., at KENNEDY'S STABLES, CAUSEWAY BAY.

A number of HORSES AND CHINA PONIES (including some of this year's Subscription Griffls).

TERMS:—Cash. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers, Hongkong, 17th January, 1903. [287]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY, the 24th JANUARY, 1903, at 11 A.M., at their SALES ROOMS, Ice House Street.

One 12-Bore CENTRAL FIRE FOWLING PIECE by A. M. Reilly & Co., London.

One 10-Bore CENTRAL FIRE FOWLING PIECE by E. Balcin, Market Place, Hull.

Also 25,000 Rounds of SPORTING CARTRIDGES, 12-Bore CENTRAL FIRE, as follows—

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5,000 of each Nos. 1, 4, 6 and 10 SHOTS Loaded with E. R. SCHULTZ POWDER by Welby Scott Revolver and Arms Co., Ltd., Birmingham, and they are Specially Imported for this market.

TERMS:—Cash. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers, Hongkong, 17th January, 1903. [288]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AMOY AND POCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HATCHING,"

Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 18th inst., at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARCAIK & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 16th January, 1903. [279]

AMERICAN ASIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"GIBERTAR,"

Captain D. Morris, will be despatched for the above ports on SUNDAY, the 1st February.

For Freight, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Agents, Hongkong, 16th January, 1903. [280]

PROPOSED MERCANTILE MARINE CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a MEETING, open to all CERTIFICATED MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS, will be held, by the courtesy of the Manager, at the Office of the Hongkong Telegraph Company, Limited, 1, Ice House Road, Hongkong, at 2 P.M., TO-MORROW (SUNDAY), 18th JANUARY, 1903, for the purpose of discussing the desirability of forming a MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS' CLUB at Hongkong.

Officers unable to attend may address suggestions to be laid before the Meeting to THOMAS C. SWARTY, Hongkong Telegraph, Hongkong, 16th January, 1903. [215]

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

HONGKONG HARBOUR.

DURING the operations attending the demolition of the sunken steamer "PAKSHAN," all vessels, using that portion of the Harbour in which she lies, are hereby warned that Dynamite Charges are liable to be exploded at any time of the day.

A Red Flag will be hoisted on the Divers' Boat 15 minutes before each charge is exploded.

R. MURRAY HUMBLEY, Harbour Master, A.C. Harbour Department, Hongkong, 13th January, 1903. [271]

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY, the 31st JANUARY, 1903, and MONDAY, the 2nd FEBRUARY, 1903, Each day commencing at 2.30 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, Duddell Street.

A VERY FINE COLLECTION OF JAPANESE ART CURIOS AND EMBROIDERIES. (Particulars will be published later.) GEO. P. LAMMEET, Auctioneer, Hongkong, 16th January, 1903. [275]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

TODAY (SATURDAY), the 17th JANUARY, 1903, at 2.30 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, Queen's Road, GENTLEMEN'S SUIT LENGTHS, COATING, FLANNEL and FLAN-NELETTE.

LADIES' DRESS MATERIALS, GLOVES, STOCKINGS, SCARFS and HATS.

BOOTS and SHOES, FANCY GOODS, LEATHER PORT-MANTEAU, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As Customary. V. I. REMEDIOS, Auctioneer, Hongkong, 15th January, 1903. [259]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will Let by Public Auction, on

MONDAY, the 19th JANUARY, 1903, at 3 P.M., on the spot.

The Several Lots Numbered 1 to 19 on Plan to be seen at the Auctioneer's Office, for erection of BOOTHS and MATSHEDS on the Government Ground adjoining the Race-course, North of the Grand Stand Enclosure.

TERMS:—Cash. For Conditions of Sale, apply to HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers, Hongkong, 3rd January, 1903. [148]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY, the 20th JANUARY, 1903, at 2.30 P.M., at No. 59, WYNDHAM STREET.

THE WHOLE OF THE VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Comprising—

TAPESTRY and PLUSH-COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, EASY CHAIRS, OCCASIONAL TABLES, OVERMANTELS, ENGRAVINGS, CARPETS, RUGS, &c., &c.

TEAK SIDEBOARD, DINING TABLE, DINNER WAGON, DINING CHAIRS, CUTLERY, GLASS and CROCKERY WARE, &c., &c.

DOUBLE GLASS MOUNTED RED STEAKS, HALL and HOLTZ WARDROBES, WASHSTANDS, TOILET TABLES, &c., &c.

Also One COTTAGE PIANO by Steinway, in good condition.

On View from Monday, the 19th January. Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:—Cash on delivery. GEO. P. LAMMEET, Auctioneer, Hongkong, 15th January, 1903. [258]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from D. HASKELL, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY, the 22nd JANUARY, 1903, commencing at 2.30 P.M. ship, at his Residence "SPEERANZA" (West of the Plantation Road tram station).

THE WHOLE OF HIS VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Comprising—

SILK TAPESTRY and PLUSH-COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, TEA and OCCASIONAL TABLES, FENDERS, TEAK OVERMANTEL, CONSOLE TABLE with MIRROR, MARBLE MANTEL CLOCK, HATSTAND, CARPETS, RUGS, LACE CURTAINS, FINE BLACKWOOD CABINET and STOOL, &c., &c.

FINE TEAK SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED MIRROR, DINING TABLE, DINNER WAGON, DINING CHAIRS, GLASS, CROCKERY and ELECTRO WARE, CUTLERY, STAIR CARPETING, &c., &c.

DOUBLE and SINGLE WARDROBES with BEVELLED GLASS DOORS, BRASS MOUNTED IRON BEDSTEADS, TEAK BUREAUX with BEVELLED MIRRORS, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS, BATHROOM, CARPETS, RUGS, LACE CURTAINS, FINE BLACKWOOD CABINET and STOOL, &c., &c.

One GRAND PIANO by John Broadwood and Sons, and One COTTAGE PIANO by John Brinmead and Sons (both in excellent condition). A Quantity of PLANTS in POTS, &c. On View from Wednesday, the 21st inst. Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:—Cash on delivery. GEO. P. LAMMEET, Auctioneer, Hongkong, 16th January, 1903. [273]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY, the 23rd JANUARY, at 2.30 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, Duddell Street.

FOR ACCOUNT OF THE GOVERNMENT, A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Comprising—

Two DRAWING-ROOM SUITES (RED PLUSH-COVERED and TAPESTRY-COVERED), OVERMANTELS, TEAK BUREAUX, WRITING DESK, LACE CURTAINS, &c., &c.

EXTENSION DINING TABLE, DINING CHAIRS, TEA and OCCASIONAL TABLES, SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED MIRROR, DINNER WAGON, DINNER and BREAKFAST SETS, ELECTRO WARE, CUTLERY and GLASS WARE, &c., &c.

BRASS MOUNTED IRON BEDSTEADS, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS, TOILET TABLES with BEVELLED MIRRORS, WARDROBES with BEVELLED GLASS DOORS, FENDERS, KITCHEN UTENSILS, &c., &c.

Also A Few WATER-COLOURS (Eastern subjects) by a well-known Artist, and Some FINE ENGRAVINGS. On View from Thursday, the 22nd inst. Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:—Cash on delivery. GEO. P. LAMMEET, Auctioneer, Hongkong, 16th January, 1903. [274]

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TO LET.

THE RETREAT, MOUNT KELLET, FLATS in MOBEY TERRACE, CAUSEWAY BAY, facing the Polo Ground. No. 1, RIFON TERRACE. GODOWNS at BOWINGTON (PRATA EAST). GROUND FLOOR of No. 4, BLUE BUILDINGS. HOUSES in LEIGHTON HILL ROAD.

Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD. Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [71]

TO LET.

SPACIOUS NEW HOUSES and FLATS, Connaught Road, Des Vaux Road and Pottinger Street. Close to Blau Pier. Specially suitable for Offices, Stores, &c. Rents very moderate.

Apply to—S. A. SETH, Dairy Farm Co., or KWONG SUN TAI, 34, Wing Lok Street, Hongkong, 27th November, 1902. [80]

TO LET.

"ERNSFOOT" UPPER RICHMOND ROAD. Apply to—DEACON & HASTINGS, 10, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 30th October, 1902. [76]

TO LET.

TWO SPACIOUS GODOWNS—Nos. 95 and 96, PRATA EAST. TWO ROOMS above New Victoria Hotel. Apply to—H. N. MODY, Victoria Buildings, Hongkong, 2nd December, 1902. [82]

TO LET.

"KELLET" SPUR and "KELLET" BUNGALOW, MOUNT KELLET, on a monthly tenancy. Apply to—Linstead & Davis, Hongkong, 10th January, 1903. [212]

TO LET.

"HARTLEY" and "WESTLEY," and "EDEN HALL," RICHMOND ROAD. Apply to—LAU CHU PAK, Care of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 3rd January, 1903. [150]

TO LET.

GODOWNS, paved with granite, at Wanchai. Suitable for storage of Coal or any other dry Merchandise. With Pier. Apply to—HASON LEE, 255, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 4th December, 1902. [84]

TO LET.

No. 2, MACDONNELL ROAD, from 1st February next. Nos. 8, 10, and 12, CASTLE ROAD, No. 40, CAINE ROAD, Nos. 7, 9, and 11, SEYMOUR ROAD, with immediate possession.

Apply to—WO HANG & CO., 153, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 3rd January, 1903. [149]

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 6, MOSQUE JUNCTION (near Robinson Road), containing Four Rooms, Servants' Quarters, Kitchen and Bath-room. Apply to—J. D. BARROS, No. 49, Elgin Street, Hongkong, 26th November, 1902. [79]

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 3, LOWER CASTLE ROAD. Immediate Possession. Apply to—COMPRADORE OFFICE, Care of Messrs. W. G. Humphreys & Co. Hongkong, 18th December, 1902. [89]

TO LET.

IN a good healthy locality, THREE ROOMS, BATHROOM and COOK-HOUSE. Rent Moderate. Apply to—X. R., Care of Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 14th January, 1903. [239]

TO LET.

OFFICES at 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. Apply to—G. GIRAULT, Hongkong, 3rd January, 1903. [72]

TO LET.

A HOUSE at the PEAK, Partly furnished, from 1st January until 30th June, 1903. Apply to—28, BONHAM ROAD, West Point, Hongkong, 1st December, 1902. [81]

TO LET.

NOS. 12 and 14, LEIGHTON HILL ROAD. For Particulars, please apply to MR. LI PAK, Care of Compradore, NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, 1st Floor No. 1, Prince's Buildings, Chater Rd. Hongkong, 5th December, 1902. [83]

TO LET.

BOARD AND RESIDENCE in a Private Family House. Apply at 31, POKFUL ROAD. Hongkong, 6th January, 1903. [167]

TO LET.

MRS. GILLANDERS, "GLENWOOD," 21, CAINE ROAD. Hongkong, 20th September, 1902. [2515]

TO LET.

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The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 17th JANUARY, to MONDAY, the 26th JANUARY (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

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"That in pursuance of the Special Resolution passed on the 11th day of November, 1932, and confirmed on the 27th day of November, 1932, a Call of Fifty Cents per Share be made upon all holders of Ordinary Shares in the above Company, and the same is hereby made. Such Call to be paid to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their Premises, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 9th day of February, 1933."

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that in accordance with Article 24 of the Company's Articles of Association, interest at the rate of 5% per annum per annum will be charged upon all Calls remaining unpaid after the 9th day of February, 1933, up to the actual dates of payment of the same.

Shareholders are requested to note that upon presentation at the Office of the Company of the Bankers' Receipt for payment of the Call, and surrender of existing Certificates of the Shares pertaining thereto, new Share Certificates will be issued bearing an endorsement of the payment of the said Call.

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CHAPTER V.
BETWIXT CUP AND LIP.

I have now to tell you: come, come, give me your hand.
Ah! my good lord, I grieve at what I speak,
And am right sorry to repeat what follows.

Henry VIII, Act V, Sc. 2.

Captain Sir Roger Fenton did not speak much to Mr. Gallop, the lawyer who accompanied him, whilst they were in the train. Unable to leave Barnford before two o'clock, he managed to catch the corridor express at Exeter and arrived in town at eight. He had wired to the housekeeper at his chambers in Ormerod Place, and dinner awaited him and Mr. Gallop.

He had been very silent on the way, taken up with his own thoughts which were of a mixed description. To some extent a fine estate, with a noble residence and a title, was enough to make any man elated; but on the other hand he had just quitted the misadventure of a mixed marriage, and he was not without a certain amount of gloom.

Perhaps he had been unduly severe, as what had occurred, that occasioned the rupture was pure accident, but he had desired to impress on her the strictness of his views on feminine reticence, and he had been intensely irritated at the way in which her adventure had been talked about. That however, the rupture was so serious as to be final, he did not suppose. He was convinced that Christine was fond of him. He knew that her situation as dependent on a selfish and exacting man, was trying, and the position he offered her was not one a girl so blooded was likely to reject, in a fit of ill-humour. He was dissatisfied with himself. He had been too peremptory with her. She should have been sympathetic with, not reproached. But she had angered him by the way in which at the first taken that he was about to remonstrate with her, she had taken on him with fixed bayonet.

What had taken place in the billiard-room had been this. He had met Mr. Bates, who in his tactless manner had button-holed him and said: "I think that Mrs. Batesham enjoyed her husband, and she was well served, too. Tom Bates was most attentive. You could not have been more so. We lost them towards the end of the day. But I saw them both this morning sitting in the verandah of the Hunter's Moon. Nice little inn that, snug little retreat. I offered my escort, but they declined, and when I drew nearer in the day, they gave me the go-by, ha, ha, ha!"

"To which he had replied haughtily: 'Miss Batesham chooses her own escort, and objects to persons forcing themselves on her uninvited.'"

The look he had given Mr. Bates had checked him in his impertinence, but next moment a gentleman standing by the window had thrown up the sash, and shouted:—"Here they come!" and the billiard players had rushed forward to witness the arrival of Mr. Bates and Miss Batesham.

No wonder he had been angered. At dinner, Captain Fenton was more inclined for conversation.

"By the way," said Mr. Gallop, "I suppose you have communicated with the solicitors of your deceased uncle. What are their names?"

"Graham and Scott. No, it did not occur to me."

"You should have done it. You say that there is no relation at the house, there was no responsible person with the deceased?"

"No one—only servants."

"They will not have done so. You see, not one of them thought of wiring to you."

"That is true. I had not considered this."

"Probably that is what was meant by your friend, and expressed in his telegram. Graham and Scott will have your uncle's will."

"I am very sorry if I have given you unnecessary trouble."

"Do not mention that. I place myself at your disposal. I may be of some use."

"I know nothing of the formalities to be gone through on such an occasion."

"You will have to see what cash is in the house, and how much in the bank, and call in a licensed valuer to take stock of the contents of the house, the cellar, the stables, and coach house. That will be for probate, but probably Messrs. Graham and Scott will expect to undertake the proving of your uncle's will. Who had charge of the plate?"

"I presume the butler. His name is Trengeman."

"How about the jewels?"

"Of them I know nothing. My uncle was never married, and had no sisters, so that none could have been dispersed, and they have probably remained locked up and unlooked at for thirty years."

"It is very awkward—a house full of wealth of all sorts in the hands of domestics who do not communicate with you, even with the person, when the master dies. They may be honest, but they may not, and there has been no check on them. Shall we see Messrs. Graham and Scott before starting for Fenton to-morrow?"

"No—I want to be down there early. Be prepared for breakfast at eight—and we will catch a train at half-past nine."

Next day Captain Fenton and Mr. Gallop descended at the station and took a cab for Fenton.

"Drive first to the Rectory," ordered the Captain, and then, inside, to the solicitor: "I must thank my friend, Hindley, for wiring, and learn a few particulars."

"Yes," replied the lawyer. "And ascertain the lie of the land. You are right."

Presently the flyman laboriously descended from the box, at a white gate, which he proceeded to hook open, and then, slow of movement, descended to his seat to drive about a hundred yards between banks of laurel, to the parlour door.

At the sound of wheels on the gravel, the Rectory came out. He was a hale, cheery man, with a kindly eye. He had clearly been expecting the visit. He opened the cab door before the driver who was rucking himself on his seat, had acquired sufficient momentum to enable him with much effort to slide himself over the side to the ground.

"Glad you are come first to me. I particularly want to have some words with you before

you go to the Court. Will you introduce me, Fenton, to your friend?"

The Captain did as desired, and the rector led the way within.

"Here," said he, "this side, into my snug-gory. We shall not be interrupted there. Will you have something to eat and drink? Some sherry or whiskey and soda? Not—well you will want something. I have some queer news for you. Glad you have Mr. Gallop with you. There are things that want looking into. Take your seat, please. Let me dismiss the driver. You will hardly need him more. If you do wish to have your portmanteaus taken on to the Court, I will send them there. That is a matter for your decision when you have heard what I have to report."

"I will settle with the fellow," said Fenton, and left the room.

On his return he saw that the solicitor's face was grave. The rector had already told him something of import. A solicitor's countenance is usually unexpressive of feeling, it is concentrated, not diffusive. It takes in information, and shows that it does so; but it does not gush with sympathy.

"Now then, what is it?" asked the Captain.

"Well, Roger," said the Rector, "to be plain with you. You have a nip to swallow, and must not make very faces over it. There may be a mistake. I hope and trust there is. This is what has happened. A person has arrived at the Court, with a little to say, and she asserts that she is Lady Fenton, and that the child is now 'baronet.'"

"Good heavens!" gasped the captain, dropping into a chair, and his face became a great deal more blank than that of Mr. Gallop.

"It is so," pursued the Rector. "Before the breath was out of the body of Sir John, up drove a fly to the Court, and set down the lady with her child and a man whom she described as her legal adviser. She maintains that she is the widow of Sir John and the child is his."

"Had you heard that the deceased was married?" asked the solicitor.

"Never heard a word of it. I cannot make it out. A lawyer would hardly stand by her to sustain her claim, if it were a palpable fraud. It is a mystery to me. But come, have a glass of sherry."

"No thank you," said the Captain hastily. "Tell me everything you know."

"It is not much that I do know. You are aware that Sir John and I never hit it off together. He did not attend Church, and discontinued his servants doing so. He never asked me to the house, and accorded me only a stiff bow when we chanced to meet. However, when he was ill, I went to the Court and asked to see him, but by then man, the butler, told me that Sir John had given instructions that I was not to be admitted. As soon as I knew by report that he was dead, I went again, and found the lady and her lawyer in possession. They are making all necessary arrangements for the funeral."

"What sort of a person is she?" asked the Captain.

"I should say—hardly a lady. But I am not able to speak with any confidence. She said very few words, the lawyer took everything upon himself, and spoke for her. Now—what will you do? Go on, or remain here? It would hardly be seemly to have a dispute in the house whilst the corpse is there. On the other side, it is not right to suffer these people to occupy the Court and manage everything unless they can show that they have a right to do so. Now you see the force of my telegraphic recommendation."

"Yes," said Mr. Gallop: "I can manage that for Captain Fenton. Let him remain here as, and enjoy your hospitality, and I will go on to the house, and see the lady's solicitor. I will require him to authenticate her claim—and there need be no fuss or scene."

Fenton acquiesced. He was greatly dejected by what he had heard.

"Look here," continued the Rector: "Trenaman is, as I believe, thoroughly honest and dependable. I had a few words with him last night. He intimated that he knew more of this matter than did anyone else, and I am sure would be glad to see you and communicate all he knows."

"Then," said Mr. Gallop, "with your permission, I will be present at this interview, and will ask you to send for the butler. Till I have heard his story, and have seen the legal adviser of the claimant, I shall not be in a position as to what recommendation to make to my client."

"There was a housekeeper. I forgot her name," said Roger Fenton. "Do you think she was privy to this marriage—if marriage there were?"

"Can't say. I had not many words with Trenaman," answered Mr. Hindley, the rector. "Her name is Warrender, and she was in favour with Sir John, so much so that I should not have been surprised if he had married her. He had invented for himself a Church, and she was one of the Chosen People. There were not half a dozen sealed members anywhere, but she was one. When I called, Trenaman answered the bell. I could see that he was heartily glad that I had called. He was looking worried. He told me that these people had invaded the house, and he had no right to exclude them, but he gave me a bunch of keys. I shall hand them over to you, Roger. He told me that they unlocked the cabinet and private drawers, and he put with them the key of the plate. He desired me to take them till it was settled who had a right to the house and all its contents. I doubted whether it was my duty to accept the responsibility, but he urged it on me, and you shall have them, and from me, Roger. Trenaman had no time to say more, for the lawyer and the lady came upon us out of the dining-room. I suppose they heard our voices. He walked up to me and said: 'The Vicar of the parish, I suppose?' I corrected him and said I was Rector. Then he informed me that Lady Fenton, the widow of the deceased Baronet was there, and that the funeral would take place on Saturday—and would be conducted very quietly, it was her Ladyship's express wish. I had but a word with her, and the lawyer bowed me out. I'll send my boy round to the Court, and tell Trenaman that you are here, and he will come as soon as he can. I believe him to be a worthy fellow."

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JOINT SERVICES.FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON.
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OUTWARDS.	
FROM	TO
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	ON 16th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	ON 22nd January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	ON 28th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	ON 3rd February.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	ON 11th February.

HOMEWARDS.	
FOR	TO
LONDON	ON 20th January.
LONDON	ON 26th January.
LONDON	ON 17th February.
LONDON	ON 3rd March.

LIVERPOOL BERTH.	
(Taking Cargo at London Rates.)	ON 24th January.
LIVERPOOL	ON 20th February.

CONTINENTAL BERTH.	
MARSEILLES AND ANTWERP	ON 20th February.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.	
FOR	TO
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA.	ON 24th January.

The S.S. "ANTENOR" left Shanghai on the 15th inst., and is expected here on the 16th inst.

The S.S. "ANTENOR" left Shanghai on the 15th inst., a.m., via Poochow, and is due here on the 19th inst.

For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS. [10-12]

CHINA NAVIGATION CO.,
LIMITED.

FOR	TO
SWATOW AND SHANGHAI	ON 18th January.
MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	ON 19th January.
MANILA	ON 20th January.
THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRIS- BANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	ON 20th January.
CEBU AND ILOILO	ON 21st January.
MANILA	ON 21st January.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand Ports and other Australian Ports.

See Special Advertisement.
REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS. [11]

HONGKONG-MANILA.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila. Saloon amidships. Electric Light. Perfect Cuisine. Surgeon carried. All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	FOR	SAILING DATE.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila Direct.	On 23rd Jan., at Noon.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila Direct.	On 30th Jan., at Noon.
DIAMANTE	1980	A. H. Notley		
PERLA	1980	J. McGinty		

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
GENERAL MANAGERS. [17]

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.	
FOR	TO
TAMU, VIA SWATOW	ON SUNDAY, 18th.
TAMU, VIA SWATOW	ON SUNDAY, 25th.
TAMU, VIA SWATOW	ON WEDNESDAY, 21st.
TAMU, VIA SWATOW	ON WEDNESDAY, 28th.

The Co.'s new Steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa, and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for first-class passengers, and a duly qualified doctor is carried.

All Steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mail, subject to periodical inspection by the Government Marine Surveyors, and are registered the highest class at Lloyd's.

Steamers will go alongside the Co.'s Pontoon at the Customs water-front premises at Tamsui to land all passengers and cargo.

By the Co.'s steamers for Shanghai, through Bills of Lading are issued for Cargo to Yangtze River Ports, as well as for North China Ports, in connection with the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamers from Shanghai.

For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply to Company's local Branch Office at No. 2, Des Voeux Road Central.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1903.

T. ARIMA, Manager. [15]

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

HONGKONG TO SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE VIA USUAL AUSTRALIAN PORTS OF CALL.

AVERAGE LENGTH OF VOYAGE TO SYDNEY 20 DAYS.

Saloon Passengers carried at SPECIALLY REDUCED RATES, particulars of which can be obtained on application to the Underwriter.

NEXT SAILINGS.

"TAIYUAN" leaves on 20th January.

"TSINAN" " 16th February.

"CHANGSHA" " 7th March.

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Superior accommodation amidships. Electric Light throughout. Fitted with Refrigerators, which ensure a fresh supply of Ice and Provisions during the entire voyage. Duly qualified European Surgeons carried.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE
AGENTS
CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1903. [92]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.
(ORIENTAL S.S. CO.)
REGULAR SERVICE BETWEEN
HONGKONG AND MANILA IN
48 HOURS.

THE Company's well-known Steamship

"ROSETTA MARU,"
3876 Tons, Captain N. Tate, will be despatched for MANILA on MONDAY, the 19th inst., at 3 P.M.

To be followed by the "ROHILLA MARU," on the 21st inst.

Magnificent Accommodation. Comfortable Cabins. Excellent Table. Unrivalled Speed. Electric Light. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply at the Company's Office, 3, Queen's Building, Ice House Street.

K. NAKASHIMA,
Manager.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1903. [16]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, EGYPT,
MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN
AND BLACK SEA PORTS.

LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX,
PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON MONDAY, the 26th January, 1903, at 1 P.M., the Company's Steamship

"CALEDONIE," Captain R. Jones, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES, BOMBAY,

This Steamship, which vessel takes on her Passengers and Mails, leaving at 4 P.M. on the 7th February, direct to Suez, Port Said and Marseilles.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M.

Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M. on the 25th January. (Parcels are to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and Value of Packages are required. For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1903. [2]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
FIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT),
Calling at SINGAPORE, BOMBAY,
KARACHI, ADEN, SUEZ AND
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(Taking Cargo at through rates to the Brazils, to SOUTH AFRICA, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE AND ADRIATIC PORTS.)

THE Company's Steamship

"TIROL,"
Captain Hofffeld, will be despatched as above on (UE-DAY), the 27th inst., p.m.

The Steamship has capital accommodation for Passengers. Electric Light, and carries a Doctor.

For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to
SANDER, WIELER & CO.,
Agents.
Prinze's Building.
Hongkong, 16th January, 1903. [3]

CHINA NAVIGATION CO.,
LIMITED.

HONGKONG-MANILA.
REDUCED SALOON PASSAGE
MONEY.

SINGLE, \$20; RETURN, \$35.

STEAMERS FITTED THROUGHOUT WITH
ELECTRIC LIGHT—FIRST CLASS ACCOM-
MODATION. UNRIVALLED TABLE. DULY
QUALIFIED SURGEON CARRIED.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE
AGENTS.
Hongkong, 9th January, 1903. [20]

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.

NEITHER THE CAPTAIN, THE AGENTS, NOR
THE OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE
for any DEBT contracted by the Officers or
the Crew of the following Vessels during their
stay in Hongkong Harbour:

EVIE J. RAY, American barque, F. Carson.
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HIGH-CLASS CHRISTMAS
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Mince Pies per dozen 3.00
Chicken and Ham Pies 3.00
Chicken and Ham Patties 2.40
Game Pies from 5.00
British Macaroon Puddings, &c., to Order.
Please apply to WEISMANN & CO., 142,
Prinze's East, ANGLO-AMERICAN STORES,
64, Elgin Road, or ROYAL, ERATED
WATER DEPOT, Ice House Street.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1902. [117-1]

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MAP OF THE SIKIANG OR WEST
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From Hongkong to Wuchow,
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Opened to Foreign Trade, 1897.
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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE.
THE Steamship

"TIROL,"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods are being landed at
their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited,
whence delivery may be obtained.

This Steamship brought Cargo from Trieste
ex China.

Optional Cargo will be discharged here unless
notice to the contrary be given immediately.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be
sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before
Noon, on the 20th of January, or they will
not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any
Goods remaining in the Godowns after the
24th of January will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SANDER, WIELER & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1903. [3]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"DARMSTADT,"
OF THE NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods, with the exception
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being
landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence
delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before 10 A.M.,
To-day, the 15th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 22nd inst. will be subject
to rent.

All Claims against the Steamship must be
presented to the Undersigned on or before the
25th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 22nd inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1903. [272]

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG
AND SINGAPORE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"C. FERD LARSEN,"
Captain Fuchs, having arrived from the
above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send in their Bills of Lading for
countersignature by the Undersigned and to
take immediate delivery of their Goods from
aboard.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before Noon,
To-day.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be
landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited,
and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 18th inst. will be subject
to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 19th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.
Hongkong Office.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1903. [1224]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "OLYMPIA,"
FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKO-
HAMA, KOBE, MOJI AND SINGAPORE.

THE above Steamship having arrived, Con-
signees of Cargo are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature
and to take immediate delivery of their
Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in
any case whatever.
DODWELL & CO., LD.
Agents.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1903. [17]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamship

"PROMETHEUS"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being
discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the
Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon
Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., in both cases it
will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be
ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on
and after the 13th inst.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice
has been given prior to steamer's arrival.
Goods undelivered after the 19th inst.
will be subject to rent. All damaged Goods
must be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined at 11 A.M. on the 19th inst.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1903. [10]

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Hongkong, 15th January, 1903. [221]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLEBOROUGH, ANT-
WERP, LONDON, PORT SAID,
COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAKATA MARU,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of general Cargo are hereby informed that their
Goods are being landed and placed at their risk
in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, where
each consignment will be sorted out mark by
mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as
the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless in-
structions are given to the contrary before
4 P.M., To-day, 14th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 21st inst., at 4 P.M.,
will be subject to rent.

All ship-damaged packages must be left in
the Godowns and notice of same sent to the
Office before the 21st inst., or claims in con-
nection therewith will not be recognized.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1903. [270]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

SS. "BRAEMAR,"
FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND
STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby infor-
med that all Goods are being landed at their
risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at
Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves
delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before 5 P.M.,
To-day, 15th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 22nd inst. will be subject
to rent.

All Claims against the Steamship must be
presented to the Undersigned on or before the
25th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 22nd inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
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take immediate delivery of their Goods from
aboard.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before Noon,
To-day.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be
landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited,
and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 18th inst. will be subject
to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 19th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.
Hongkong Office.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1903. [1224]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

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THE above Steamship having arrived, Con-
signees of Cargo are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature
and to take immediate delivery of their
Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in
any case whatever.
DODWELL & CO., LD.
Agents.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1903. [17]

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ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on
and after the 13th inst.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice
has been given prior to steamer's arrival.
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